

From Where We Stand . . .

The "Drive-In" Syndrome

Have you noticed that more and more of late the drive-in-this and drive-in-that signs seem to be multiplying? Drive-in movies probably started the trend some years ago. Then there were drive-in restaurants with curb service. In recent years you've seen the long lines of cars waiting to use a bank's latest status symbol the drive-in window. Well, we think we saw the final word the other day while driving around the county — a sign saying that a drive-in church was being built on a certain site! Don't know how it works; maybe you can figure it out.

What will we be driving into next do you suppose? Maybe our grandchildren will be going to drive-in schools for a drive-in education. We might have drive-in factories and offices where the workers wouldn't ever have to leave their precious cars. If you get stopped for a traffic violation perhaps you will be hauled into a drive-in court, and maybe even sent off to a drive-in jail!

If you still think you live in a pedestrian's world take a walk along one of our main roads next Sunday afternoon — at your own risk of course. It's worth your life if you stray more than a couple of inches off that so-called shoulder. As it is your clothes will practically be torn off in the steady jet stream of zooming joy riders.

The dictionary defines a syndrome as "a group of signs or symptoms that occur together and characterize a DISEASE". And in a sense perhaps that's what all this drive-in business is, a disease. A car is largely a necessity in our mobile society, but wouldn't you think people would want to walk at least once in a while? Mostly we sit in our cars, we sit at our jobs, we sit when we eat, we sit and stare at our television sets, and about the only time we walk is from one sitting position to the next. This applies less to farmers than to the rest of us, but we'd bet even farmers would admit they're doing a lot more sitting than their fathers and grandfathers did.

No Sir! It's no pedestrian's world. It's a drive-in world! We did hear of one solution to the traffic problem though. It was in reference to the notorious Freeway in southern California. It was suggested that during the next traffic jam the asphalt trucks should get out and pave right over the whole mess. Afraid this would only bring a temporary relief, however

All this drive-in business sure isn't

doing much for our national physical fitness program. And the day may come when we'll need all the physical fitness we can get. As the drive-in sickness intensifies in the coming generations, babies might as well be born with wheels instead of legs.

What Do YOU Think?



Water Where It's Needed

Following the barn fire on the Ray Longenecker farm near Lititz this week (see photo below) we got to wondering how many other areas of rural Lancaster County are in the same "dry" boat. Probably too many.

One little spark from a motor found its way into the bone dry barley straw being elevated into the Longenecker barn and before the final ashes had settled a barn, tobacco shed, chicken house, tool shed, and a four-car garage had been consumed by the hungry blaze. Firemen from eight companies were on the job in a flash, and while the supply of water in their tankers held out they were able to give the fire a good fight. But they were at least a mile and one-half from the nearest water, and time and a stiff wind were against them. Lititz Fire Chief Ammon H. Shelly stated later that he believed both the chicken house and the garage could have been saved if water had been available when it was needed. Shelly said that in the whole stretch between Lititz and Manheim there is no available water. He has been trying to interest residents of that area in investing in a system of strategically-located cisterns to meet just such an emergency, but to no avail.

Some of the rural communities have had the foresight to invest in such cisterns. Reportedly, Penryn and Brunerville each have three cisterns, and Rothsville is similarly equipped. But how many are not so protected? With volunteer labor, Chief Shelly estimates that a cistern with a 15,000-20,000-gallon capacity can be built for under \$1000. With many neighbors sharing in this economical protection the cost to any one of them would not be too high. It is even possible that in time they might get their whole investment back in the form of lower insurance costs. But certainly just the peace of mind in knowing that your valuable property will not be destroyed for lack of water has to be worth something

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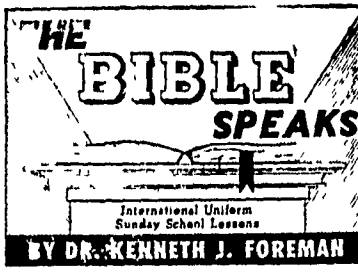


BARN BURNS: Above is shown the huge column of smoke from the fire at Ray Longenecker's farm west of Lititz on Monday. Picture was taken shortly after the fire started, and shows some of the framework of the barn being consumed. Smoke could be seen in the middle of Lititz borough. Farmhouse at right was saved, partly because wind was blowing the other way.

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Weather Forecast
Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to
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average below normal. Normal high and low for the period is 87 and 65 degrees. It will be warmer Saturday, cooler Sunday and Monday, then warmer again Tuesday and Wednesday.
Precipitation for the period will probably total less than 1/4 inch, occurring as a thunder storm on Saturday.



Extraordinary Men

Lesson for July 4, 1965

Background Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3, 11
11 Corinthians 5:11-20
Devotional Reading: John 3:16-21.

A YOUNG GIRL from the city was having her first visit to a farm. The calves interested her; she had never seen a live one before. An idea struck her and she said to the farmer: "Do you think it really pays to have cows as small as that?" No, of course it wouldn't, if the cows grew no larger. In the farmer's eye those calves had a future. The farmer did not expect



Dr. Foreman them to grow into saleable cattle overnight. The same goes for other crops. There's many a crop that hasn't been gathered by the fourth of July. The farmer is very much interested in what the casual observer can't see at all. The farmer counts on growth. He judges his success by an invisible standard, the perfect cattle, the perfect crop.

Sharecroppers
Saint Paul was a city man but he uses figures of speech that show he was interested in what goes on in the countryside. He speaks of himself as a planter, and of his friend Apollos as the man with the watering can. He and Apollos, Paul suggests, are not the owners, they are simply sharecroppers in the fields of the true Owner who is God.
But what was the crop for which these men worked and awaited? Men: And where were these men? You might see all Paul saw with your physical eye and miss what he saw with his inner eye. You might have seen a city parish and a little group of worshippers, but anyhow all grown-ups. What Paul saw in his mind's eye was a lot of babies.

Now babies are lovable "cute;" but if a person is a baby at an age when he should be an adult, it is nothing to say about. Paul knew the people he was talking about. They were all saved — he had no doubt of that. They were mostly grown persons to the observer's eye, but as Paul saw them, they were no more than a batch of retarded Christians, Christians who had never grown up. A modern church likewise can be a discouraging sight to the minister, or any one with eyes to see beneath the surface. The church building may have developed the latest architecture and the church's parking lot may have many Cadillacs in it; but that's not what makes a church. The question is: Are these people growing as Christians, or are they still babies?

Growing from . . .
There are basic foods for animals and plants. Selecting these foods and using them wisely is a useful science. There are many reasons for wanting little children to grow up, and one is: a lifelong baby is a pitiable sight. Such a creature needs to be helped whereas normally he should be able and willing to help others. He doesn't know his own condition, he has nothing to contribute but confusion.

Growing To . . .
Whether you are raising babies or barley, the things you are working on don't offer you much help. If babies and barley were left to themselves, they would soon be destroyed. Now those people at Corinth, whom Paul knew so well, might have had the impression that since growth is God's gift, they needed to do nothing at all about it. Quite the contrary. A pianist grows more skillful by practice. Every art is the same way; real progress cannot long be made if the growing artist never practices what he knows. You don't grow by wishing, you don't grow by being inoculated with virtue. The Christian life begins with Christ, in what God has done through him, his life and death and resurrection. But while Christ is the foundation, we have to add to that foundation if we are going to grow. God will never force us to grow; he lets us be babies if we insist!

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Now Is The Time . . .

To Hit Hog Cholera
I would like to offer these suggestions to keep hog cholera out of your swine herds. Properly vaccinate all pigs. New vaccination procedures are safe and effective insurance. If any garbage is fed, cook it. Heating garbage to 160° F for 30 minutes destroys hog cholera virus and increases its food value. Isolate herd additions for 30 days. But only properly vaccinated stock. Keep away from farms where there are sick pigs. Disinfect foot wear when returning from stock markets or other farms. Keep livestock trucks, stock buyers, and other visitors away from areas where swine are kept.



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To Sharpen Pencils
Using a pencil can often make the difference between a good and mediocre dairyman. Recording basic information about each cow is necessary for future reference, and recording birth dates of calves is necessary to insure vaccination at the proper age. Failure to record breeding dates can result in cows being turned dry at the wrong time. Not many dairymen can remember the dates and information necessary for a successful dairy operation. It takes only a minute or less each day to record this vital information if proper equipment is available. I suggest recording this information on a stable breeding sheet available from D.H.I.A. supervisors or artificial insemination technicians. Usually information isn't recorded unless a pencil is handy, so I suggest tying a pencil to a string so it is always available for use when it is needed.

To Reduce Fuel Bills
There are three ways in which you may reduce farm tractor fuel bills. Correct adjustment and maintenance procedures will reduce fuel consumption as much as 15%. The procedures include the air cleaner, spark plugs, ignition, timing, carburetor and governor. Your Operator's manual will instruct you. Properly aligned plows, with sharp shares, sharp knives on balers, and sharp sickle plates on mowers will greatly reduce power requirements and lower fuel consumption. Unpainted, unshaded fuel storage tanks lose fuel. When these same tanks are painted white, shaded and a pressure vent cap installed less than 1% of the fuel is lost. Underground fuel storage is best.
To Think "Clean"
Spoiled grain, weed seeds, insects, and rodent traces in
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